

Claim 13, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-12" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-13" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-14" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-16" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 19, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-18" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 21, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-20" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "or 22".

Claim 26, line 1, delete "or 22".

Claim 27, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 1-22" to --Claim 1--.

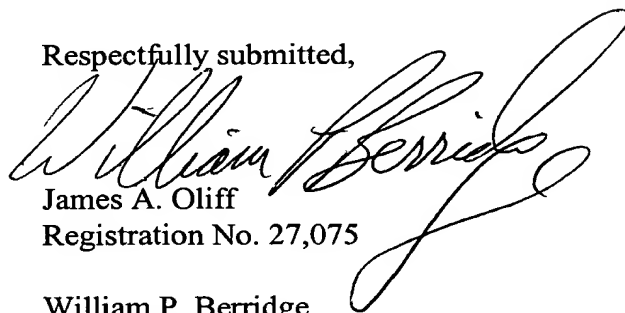
Claim 30, line 1, delete "or 29".

Claim 31, line 1, change "any one of Claims 28-30" to --Claim 28--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 30 and 31 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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